

WEALDSTONE (0) 1, WYCOMBE WANDERERS 0

Attendance: 600

BILL JOHNSON, latching on to a very fractional chance, landed Wealdstone a great 54-minute goal to shatter the Premier Midweek Floodlight League champions at Lower Mead on Tuesday.

Johnson gathered a **Gerry Olson** free-kick — that **Olson** and **Johnson** show again — and slammed the ball in, only for the rebound to come back to him and this time there was no barrier.

But the result can't be taken as a guide to Wealdstone's chances at **Loakes Park** in the Amateur Cup first round tie on January 9 as Wanderers fielded five reserves.

But Wealdstone still held some control in the middle against such as Scottish international **Iain MacLean** and former Welsh star **Geoff Anthony** in the visiting side.

Johnson's sharp goal was a perfect example of how to score when the game is dominated by two strong defences. **Johnny Ritchie** got little change out of **John Faulkner** and the three Wealdstone exports **Keith Searle**, **Johnny Hutchinson** and **Bernie Bremer** had even less chance against **Robb Williams** and **Olson**.

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Ritchie nevertheless netted the first after 25 minutes but the perceptive **Dave Yerby** run that given him the chance also left him offside.

Powell was dangerous too in midfield for **Wycombe** and took a chance from **Searle** neatly,

only to hit the crossbar.

Alan Pentecost retaliated from the Wealdstone attack to hit an upright from a long **Olson** freekick and **Tom Mahon**, up front, seemed certain to make it 2-0 to Wealdstone until the referee ruled he had fouled **O'Brien**.

It now became **Wycombe** always on the attack. **Bremer** was just wide with a thunderbolt of a shot but Wealdstone produced an **Olson** 30-yarder of a freekick made **O'Brien** save at full stretch.

The last **Wycombe** effort came with a **Hutchinson** corner that **Gary Hand** headed back out from under the bar and **Bremer** slashed the rebound wide.

Bremer indeed had the last chance, jiggling through two defenders and crossing for **Hutchinson**, lurking by the far post, but **Alan Thomas**, an excellent 'keeper on the night, cut the centre out.

Wealdstone: **A. Thomas**; **A. Dafforn**, **G. Hand**; **R. Williams**, **G. Olson**, **C. Rapley**; **D. Yerby**, **T. Mahon**, **J. Ritchie**, **A. Pentecost**, **B. Johnson**. Sub. **J. Chapman**.

Wycombe Wanderers: **P. O'Brien**; **I. MacLean**, **R. Guiver**; **T. Powell**, **J. Faulkner**, **S. Rundell**; **G. Anthony**, **J. Baker**, **K. Searle**, **B. Bremer**, **J. Hutchinson**. Sub. **S. Fuschillo**.